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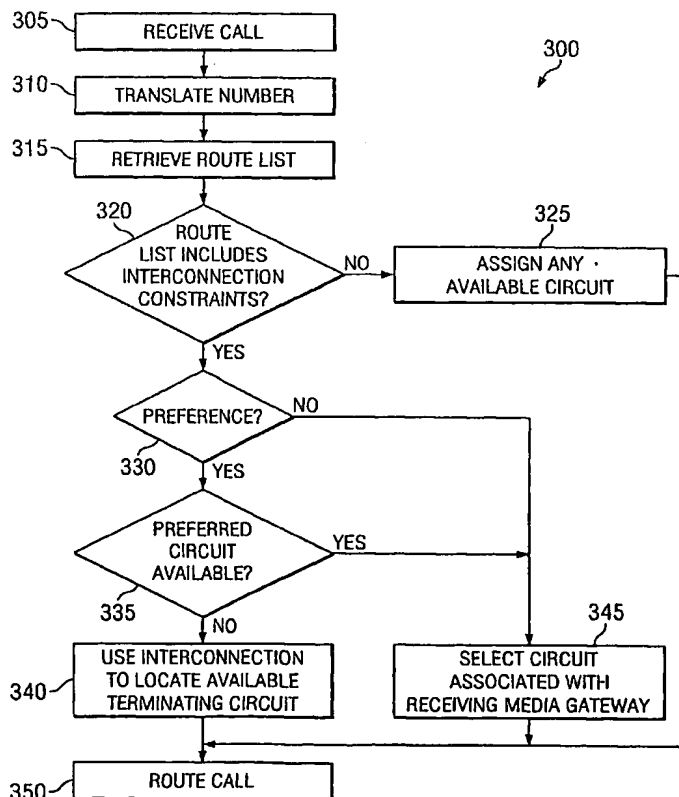
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(57) Abstract: A system and method for routing calls in a distributed mobile switching center environment involves receiving a call at a first node (115(1)) in a telecommunication network (100). The first node is associated with multiple trunks (430, 445). A constraint relating to selection of a circuit for routing the call is identified (320). The circuit is associated with one of the trunks that is associated with the first node. The call is routed (350) to a trunk in accordance with the constraint.



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